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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF NVA OFFENSIVE--SUMMARY FOR PERIOD ENDING
NOON APRIL 22

1. GENERAL.

MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN SOUTH VIETNAM SLACKENED
SOMEWHAT DURING THE 24 HOUR REPORTING PERIOD, PARTICULARLY
IN MR-III. ONLY A RANDOM SHELL OR TWO FELL ON BIEN HOA AIR BASE.
ELEMENTS OF THE ARVN 25TH DIV. CLEARED AN NVA ROADBLOCK ON HWY
22 TO TAY NINH. GVN OUTPOSTS AND DEFENDERS IN BEN LUC DISTRICT
LONG AN PROVINCE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE CONSTANT PRESSURE FROM NVA
FORCES. HAM TAN, CAPITAL OF BINH TUY HAS COME UNDER NVA PRESSURE
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BUT REMAINS IN GVN HANDS.

2. MR-III.

WHAT FIGHTING THERE WAS IN MR-III WAS PRIMARILY FOCUSSED ON RACH KIEN AND BEN LUC DISTRICTS IN LONG AN AND IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. GVN OUTPOSTS AND DEFENDERS IN THE BEN LUC AREA CONTINUED TO RECEIVED PRES SURE FROM NVA FORCES. RACH KIEN DISTRICT TOWN CAME UNDER ATTACK. IN TAY NINH, ELEMENTS OF THE 25TH ARVN REPORTEDLY BROKE THE NVA BLOCK ON HWY 22 BETWEEN TAY NINH AND GO DAU HA. THE 49TH REGT OF THE 25TH ATTACKED COMMUNIST FORCES IN THE KHIEM HANH AREA OF TAY NINH WITH UNREPORTED RESULTS. TAY NINH CITY RECEIVED SOME SHELLS. BIEN HOA AIR BASE ENJOYED A DAY RELATIVELY FREE FROM SHELLING WITH ONLY THE RANDOM SHELL OR TWO LANDING IN OR NEAR THE BASE. HAM TAN, CAPITAL OF BINH TUY PROVINCE HAS BEEN ATTACKED BUT REMAINS UNDER GVN CONTROL.

BEGIN NOFORN.

ELEMENTS OF TWO REGTS OF THE ARVN 18TH DIV AND THE FIRST AIRBORNE BRIGADE HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM XUAN LOC AND THE CITY IS NOW UNDEFENDED AND EXPOSED TO THE NVA. THE WITHDRAWAL TO THE SOUTH WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT SERIOUS CONTACTS OR CASUALTIES AL- THOUGH THE LONG KHANH PROVINCE CHIEF WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED. OVERALL, COMBAT ACTIVITY IN THE LONG KHANH, BIEN HOA QBORDER AREA WAS LIGHT. END NOFORN.

3. MR-IV.

MR-IV REPORTED ONLY 53 INCIDENTS MAINLY ABFS AND HARRASSMENT. GVN FORCES CONTINUE TO OPERATE AGGRESSIVELY IN THE DELTA, PART- ICULARLY IN EASTERN DINH TUONG AND VINH LONG PROVINCES WHERE UNITS OF THE ARVN 7TH AND 21 ST DIVISIONS RESPECTIVELY KILLED ABOUT 50 NVA/VC IN SEPARATE CONTACTS WHILE TAKING LIGHT CASUALTIES. MARTIN

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